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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Larry Earl Lockamy of Columbia.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Larry Earl Lockamy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lockamy was an exemplary citizen and entrepreneur who worked assiduously to improve the quality and joy of life for his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, a native of Dunn, North Carolina, he was the son of John Percy Lockamy, Sr. and Thelma Inez Pope Lockamy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lockamy came to Columbia in 1975 as an employee of American Recycle Company; he was also the co-owner of Bypass Deli in 1978-79 and worked for the Peachtree Trading Company until 1981; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lockamy subsequently co-founded and co-owned L&S Metals and Tennessee Aluminum Processing, Inc., in which positions he earned the respect of his employees and customers alike; and

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WHEREAS, in other notable ventures, this talented businessman promoted the Nashville entertainment industry through a management company he co-founded; his clients included such celebrities as Cledus T. Judd, Phillip Claypool, T. Graham Brown, and Sterling Marlin; and

WHEREAS, an avid sportsman, Larry Lockamy founded LAR Motor Sports and managed a Busch Series racing team that experienced great success while employing standout drivers including Jeff Purvis and Casey Atwood in the LAR #28 Chevrolet Monte Carlo; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lockamy was a longtime sponsor and coach of Maury County Women's Fast Pitch Softball; he was a staunch supporter of the University of Tennessee football program and a cherished personal friend of several members of the coaching staff; and

WHEREAS, this laudable community servant was known throughout Maury County for his active support of community athletic programs and local charities such as Hope House; he was the driving force behind the creation of "Sterling Marlin Day" to benefit local charities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lockamy was filled with a wonderful love of life and had a magnetic personality, and his enthusiasm, ebullience, energy, and charm were well known in his community and cherished by those who were lucky enough to call him a friend; with his practical jokes and sharp wit, this keen businessman could always be counted on to bring a smile to the face of anyone he met; and

WHEREAS, he always immersed himself in his activity of the hour and gave 110% to every endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Larry Earl Lockamy was deeply devoted to his family, and he always made time to celebrate life with family and friends at the Lake, NASCAR events, UT games, the shop, the Barn, and at work; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Ann Holland Lockamy, and was the loving father of Jennifer Dugger and Michelle Leigh Lockamy and the proud grandfather of Riley Dugger and Madalyn Purwanto; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Lockamy leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Larry Earl Lockamy, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living with courage, conviction, and humor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Lockamy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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